(e) if so, what are the changes in each case;

(f) whether Government have revised the prices of formulations based on these drugs; and

(g) if so, what was the previous and present price of each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Aspirin, Benzathine Pencillin, Digoxin, Di-Iodohydroxyquinoline, Hydrochlorthiazide, Insuline, Iodo-chlorohydroxyquinoline, Penicillin Potassium V, Potassium Penicillin G, Primaquin Phosphate, Procaine Penicillin, Sodium Penicillin G, are the bulk drugs shifted from Category I to Category II of DPCO, 1987.

(b) and (c) The information is available in the Annual Reports of the Ministry of Industry, Department of Chemicals & Petro-chemicals, copies of which have been laid on the table of the House.

(d) and (e) The mark-up provided under DPCO, 1987 is as follows:

75 per cent in the case of formulations specified in Category I.

100 per cent in the case of formulations specified in Category II.

(f) and (g) Price fixation/revision under DPCO, 1987 is a continuous process, and all revision in prices are notified in the Gazette. The details required are quite voluminous. The time and efforts required for collection of these will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Increase in the Drug Prices after the announcement of DPCO, 1987

1247. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government made a statement after the announcement of DPCO, 1987 that there will be hardly an increase of 15 per cent to 25 per cent in the prices of medicines;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of medicines have gone up between 30 per cent to 250 per cen after the announcement of DPCO, 1987;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as per provision 11(3) of DPCO, 1987 every manufacturer or importer of a non-schedule formulation has to provide details of revision in Form 4 in the month January every year; and

(d) if so, names of the companies who submitted the details alongwith the earlier and revised prices of their product?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The medicines prices of which have shown a higher increase mainly belong to the non-scheduled Category.

(c) and (d) The required details to the extent available have been given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 635 answered on 29th February, 1988.

Increased prices of Suganril Tablets

1248. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is all around increase in prices of medicines resulting in hue and cry among the people;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the prices of all medicines have gone up from 30 per cent to 200 per cent; and

(c) if so, what was the prices of Suganril Tabs., Zolandin Cream, Xypamid Tabs., Ultralan Ointment, Testoviron Depot 100mg, Testoviron 25 mg and 250 mg injection, Progynon Depot Ampoule, Primovlar Tabs.,